Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the Department's continuing program to insure that all sign installations on the State Highway System conform with the guidelines of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

Policy

To help maintain uniformity in signing; (1) all new permanent sign installations on the non-interstate state highway system shall be reviewed and approved by the Region Traffic Engineer and (2) all new permanent sign installations on the interstate system shall be reviewed and approved by the Traffic and Safety Division.

Existing signs will be monitored, modified and changed as necessary to make sure that they continue to function as intended.

Background

Reference to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices is essential for the proper use of signs and will ensure that consideration is given to such factors as sign size, color, location, retroreflectivity, message content, and uniformity of application. Signs should be used only where warranted by facts and field studies or at specific times only, or where hazards are self-evident.

Procedures

Monitoring The Existing Inventory Of Signs UDOT 06C-21.1

Responsibility: Region Traffic Engineer

Actions

1. Performs periodic daytime and nighttime inspections of existing signs along the state highways within the Region.

2. Makes notations of any sign problems observed (sign needs to be changed, needs to be replaced, needs to be removed, etc.) and submits a request for specified corrective action to the appropriate Region Maintenance staff member.

Responsibility: Region Maintenance Staff

3. Obtains appropriate signs and makes sure they are in place as specified by the Region Traffic Engineer.

Responsibility: Traffic and Safety Division

4. Provide periodic training for UDOT and Consultant personnel in proper signing techniques and proper sign inspection processes.